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RED BIRD, I. T.

Will Be The Seat of Sisson Industrial College--Site Donated.--Good Move.

LETTERS FROM ADMIRERS OF TOWN.

They Say It Is The Best Opportunity Yet Offered Negroes.

No movement for the betterment of our race in recent years has attracted such wide spread attention and enthusiasm as the opening of the new town located twenty one miles Northwest of Muskogee on the M. K. & T. R. R. Its promoters, the Red Bird Investment Company, has spent thousands of dollars in advertising and as a result hundreds of colored people from all the country are visiting Red Bird. All that we have talked with on their return are more than satisfied with the place, and say that the company have not said enough in their advertising in praise of Red Bird.

Some of these visitors to Red Bird have written us letters, giving their views of the town and country, and requested us to publish same. Two of these letters, one signed by P. C. Waltoe and H. E. Frith and the other signed by Prof. J. H. Johnson, we published some time ago. We have had hundreds of requests for copies of the paper containing these letters, from men from all parts of the country who had heard about them, and the edition was long since exhausted. To satisfy the many enquirers, we have decided to reprint these letters, and those interested will find them elsewhere in this issue.

The Sisson Industrial College will be located at Red Bird, our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Evans Tyree, having accepted a liberal offer made by the Red Bird Investment Co. for the location of the college at that point. We are informed that it will be second to none in the South in size and equipment, and beauty of architecture, and will make Red Bird the educational center of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

The Red Bird Trust and Milling Milling Co., composed of wealthy colored people, has been organized and incorporated under the laws of Oklahoma with

500,000.00 capital. They propose to engage in the ginning, milling and coal mining business, and will no doubt give employment to a large number of people.

We are giving the above information, as it will save us an endless amount of correspondence, and because we believe that the Red Bird movement is one that should receive the hearty co-operation of the race papers, and of everyone who has at heart the material welfare and upbuilding of our people. Red Bird is a pioneer strictly colored town, blazing a path that will follow. Build where manufacturing, mercantile establishments, and professions, as well as all the lumber, though not less honorable avocations, will be filled by members of our own race, adding to our wealth, teaching us to be independent, and compelling the respect of our white brothers. A town where the local government will be of Negroes, for Negroes, for Negroes and by Negroes.

LETTERS

To the Editor of the Cimeter.

Dear Sir.—Having been on the road since Dec. 22, with the purpose of visiting the different towns in the Indian Territory of which there are many I left Pittsburg over the Missouri Pacific for Coffeerville, Kansas; from Coffeerville to Nowata from there to Bartlesville; and from there to Wagoner and other towns in the Creek Nation and ended my trip of prospecting because I found at Red Bird, I. T., the ideal spot on earth for a progressive business town. The Red Bird Investment Company does not advertise the possibilities of Red Bird and vicinity and the country surrounding it strong enough. They should tell more of the good farming lands and the opportunity a

man has here to make an honest living and get every dollar he makes. Here in this eden is plenty of timber for all purposes just think that you don't have to buy your wood. The owners give it to you; all you have to do is to load it up and haul it out of the way. The farmer cuts it down for you but he declines to load it on the wagon for you however.

My friends in Pittsburg, Kansas know that I was sick when I left home, and was sick in Coffeerville two weeks but when I got to Red Bird and began to drink this water found around here in a few feet of the ground I recovered. The water is excellent, soft and pleasant to the taste; excellent for laundry purposes and plenty of it. I am really delighted with the water. if I knew how to describe it I would.

The locality is excellent and healthy, just elevated enough to escape the Miasmatic conditions that are so noticeable in many parts of the territory.

I find the people of Red Bird and surrounding country industrious, intelligent and desirous of increasing their numbers of the same kind of people from the States. I heard an excellent sermon Sunday and I never saw a more earnest and deserving people in any country. The people here welcome the pains taken by the Red Bird Investment Company in securing the Sisson Industrial College for Red Bird, I. T. They are delighted with the idea that this place will be in the near future the educational center of the new state of Oklahoma.

To men of my race who have money and want to do some business ought to come to Red Bird. The finest brick and tile clay in America is to be found here in great quantities. The prospects for oil and gas are exceptional as we are right in the gas belt with flowing wells in five miles of this place. The Katy Branch of the M. K. & O. runs right through the town. A new road is surveyed right through the town from Wagoner to Okmulgee and to my mind this is the place for good people to live in.

The Red Bird Trust & Milling Co., incorporated is planning to put in a cotton gin and grist mill, and a big store at once, they are making headway rapidly. It is a great enterprise

and has the confidence of all the people.

I see that there is a splendid opening here for a lumber yard here for some colored man who has money.

Thanking you for your valuable space I remain yours truly,
CHARLES PITTMAN,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Red Bird, I. T., Dec. 23rd, 1905,

Editor of the Cimeter:—Please allow space in your paper for a few lines to my people about Red Bird. We spent a day at Red Bird and found the location much better than has been advertised, and will say that the Townsite Company has not gone far enough in advertising that town.

We found the location for a town the best in the country. Fine water. Coal right in town. We saw more corn than we have seen for years; we found corn picked up in bins all around the town. Cotton and corn grow side by side.

We can say this is the best country that we have ever seen for the Negro who wants to make money, and get a home that will be a credit to himself and family. People are coming to Red Bird every day and we will say that if you want to get in on the ground floor, come to Red Bird and see for yourself. This is really the Negroes last chance.

Our present home is at Newport, Ark., but in a few weeks our address will be Red Bird, I. T.

Success to the Cimeter. You have caused us to move.
H. E. FRITH and P. C. WALTOE,
Newport, Ark.

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Subscribe for the Cimeter and keep posted on all the new developments at Red Bird. We will have a correspondent stationed there in the future, and will give you all the news.

William Lloyd Garrison, delivered in Faneuil hall, Boston, December 11, 1905, at Citizens' Centenary Celebration. Issued in pamphlet form for 10 cents per copy, with cut of Garrison. A great oration on a great man at a great occasion. Send money or stamps to

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